

Richard Sparrow – Eastham Land Records 1650 - 1745

Richard Sparrow was in Plymouth by 1633. He came to Eastham about 1650. In 1656 he represented Eastham in the Plymouth Colony Court. He was surveyor in 1658 and grand juror in 1659. He lived near the old burying ground and he died in Eastham. A monument to Richard Sparrow and his son Jonathan Sparrow and Jonathan's wives was erected in Cove Burying Ground in 1876.

1659

Granted to Richard Sparrow four acres for a house lot running from the highway to the Cove. Each corner is bounded by fences.

PDF A170, M67, S13.

Granted to Richard Sparrow twenty acres at Sparrow's Neck at Pochet near the head of Salt Cove. Bounds were defined by marked trees. In 1675 at the request of Richard's son Jonathan the bounds were reestablished using marked trees and large stones. PDF A269, A270, M67, S13.

Granted to Richard Sparrow twenty acres above Stage Neck at the Little Field at Pochet. Bounds were defined by marked trees and stones. The property was next to land of Ralph Smith and Edward Bangs.
PDF A170, M67, S13.

Granted to Richard Sparrow two and one-half acres of meadow at Great Namscakett. The property was next to land of William Twining on the south side and Daniel Cole on the north west side. PDF A170, M68, S13.

Granted to Richard Sparrow two and one-half acres of meadow on the south side of the Boat Meadow. The property was marked with stakes and was next to land of Thomas Prince and John Doane. PDF A170, M68, S13.

Granted to Richard Sparrow one acre of meadow at Billingsgate between land belonging to Steven Wood and the Creek and next to land belonging to John Mayo. PDF A170, M68, S14.

Granted to Richard Sparrow one and one-half acres of meadow at Billingsgate between land belonging to Nathaniel Mayo and Daniel Cole and next to the Creek. Bounds were marked with stakes. PDF A170, M68, S14.

Granted to Richard Sparrow, Nicholas Snow and Daniel Cole a piece of land by the Long Pond. PDF P20.

1666

Richard Sparrow, deceased, willed to his wife Pandora half his dwelling house and the adjacent four acres near the Meeting House and near the old burying ground. With the permission of Pandora, his only son Jonathan sold the house and land to Thomas Crosby who was serving as minister at the Meeting House. Jonathan and his mother Pandora moved to property owned by Jonathan at Pochet. Jonathan gave Pandora four acres of upland and a dwelling house which he owned at Pochet for her lifetime use.

PDF A140, M68, M268, M269, S4.

1700's

There were several land grants to Richard Sparrows up to 1745 who would be descendants of the original Richard Sparrow.

See PDF A269, A271, A277, M49, M50, M145, M149, M162, S86, T39, T88, T202, T296, T331, T341.

The land grants owned by the original Richard Sparrow described in these records amounts to about fifty-three acres. By 1745 at least twelve more Sparrows received Eastham land grants.